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PREVIOUSLY IN KING SPAWN

Spawn goes head-to-head with the creature known as BEHEMOTH, created by the remnants of the Psalms 137 cult.



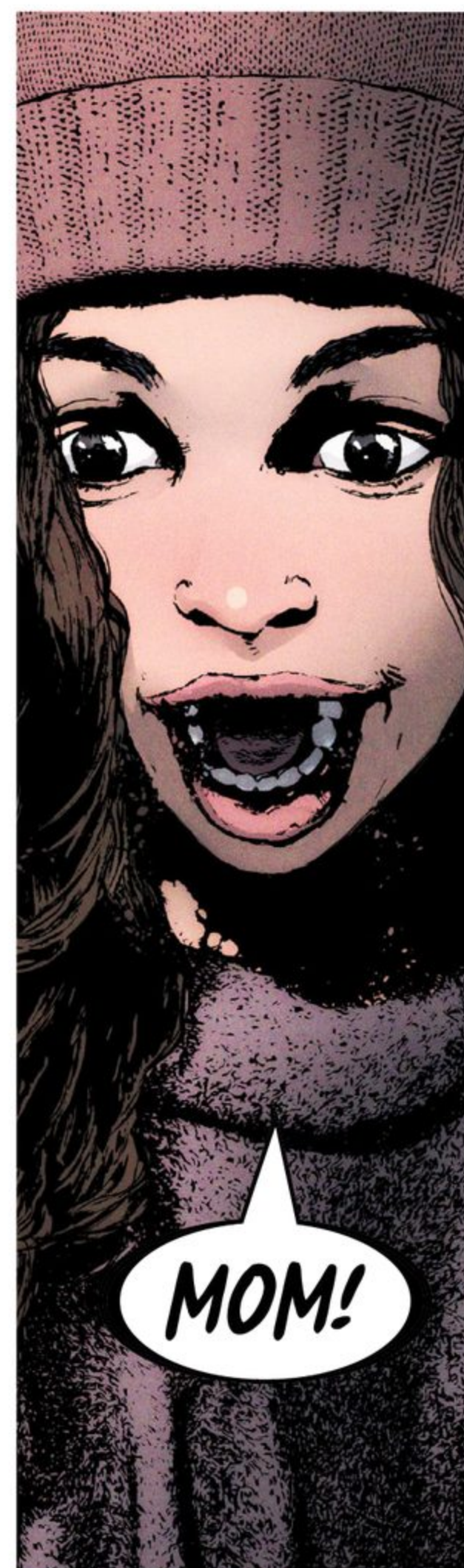
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CHRISTMAS

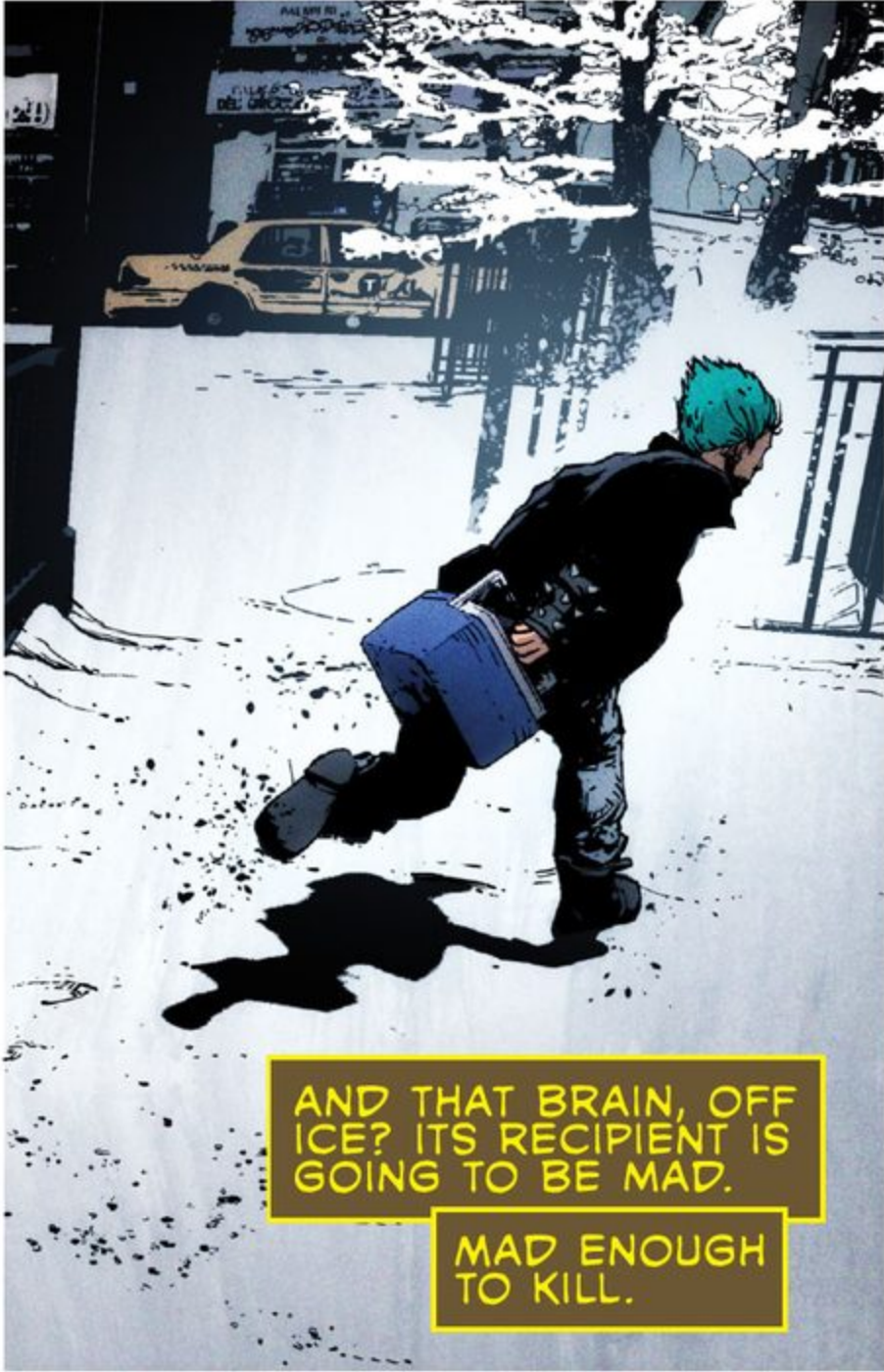
THE CITY IS ABUZZ WITH
FESTIVITY, WITH EACH
CHEERFUL MOMENT HAVING
ITS OWN VARIED REASON
WHY IT IS SO SPECIAL.

THOUGH, A FEW BEHIND
THESE ACTS MEAN TO
GIVE PRESENTS NO
CHILD WOULD WANT.

LIKE THE
PUNK, YOU
SEE HERE.

HE'S ON A MISSION.
AND NOTHING IN THE
WORLD WILL STOP HIM.





AND THAT'S WHERE THESE TWO DETECTIVES COME IN.

LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS DAY, THE NUMBER OF MISSING PERSON CASES ALWAYS *RISES*. PART OF THOSE *STATISTICS* ARE PEOPLE CHECKING IN ON FRIENDS AND FAMILY THEY HAVEN'T SEEN IN MONTHS, WHEN THEY DO, SOME FIND THOSE FOLKS ARE GONE OR EVEN DEAD.

ANOTHER REASON FOR THE HIGH VOLUME: SUICIDE. THOUGH THAT'S LESS TYPICAL.



YOU MEAN THEY ACTUALLY FOUND A *BRAIN* ON THE STREET? NO BODY ATTACHED?

JESUS. I'LL GET THE CAR.





THE CRIME SCENE ISN'T PARTICULARLY BLOODY SINCE A BRAIN ONLY HAS SO MUCH BLOOD WHEN FULLY INTACT.



EXODUS FOUNDATION.
MIDTOWN NY. LATER.

THANK YOU
FOR SEEING US,
MR. MERRIVAL. I'M SURE
YOU HAVE BETTER THINGS TO
DO. WE'LL BE AS BRIEF
AS WE CAN.

YOU TWO
MUST BE QUITE
DEDICATED TO YOUR
JOBS, DOING ALL THIS
ON CHRISTMAS
EVE.

SADLY,
CRIME
NEVER TAKES
A DAY OFF.
WE'VE SEEN
MANY...

UM--
YOU HAVE
A BIT OF AN
INFESTATION
IT SEEMS.

DON'T
LET A FEW
BUGS SCARE
YOU, PLEASE
CONTINUE.

YOUR
BUSINESS
CARD?

YES, YOU
MENTIONED THAT
WHEN YOU CALLED. I
ASSURE YOU WHAT WE DO
HERE IS ALL LEGAL. WE OFFER
VERY FAIR COMPENSATION TO
THE DOWNTRODDEN WHO
MIGHT WISH TO DONATE
THEIR BRAINS IN THE
OCCURRENCE OF
THEIR DEATH.

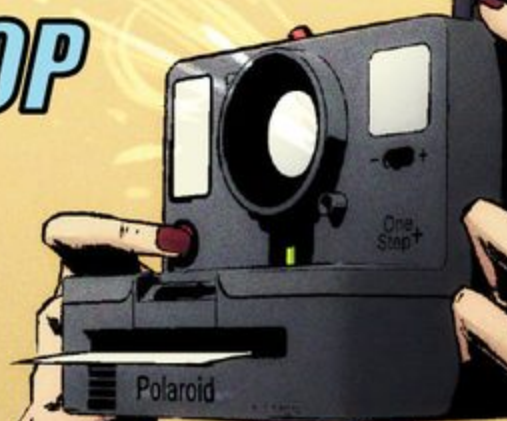
YOU EVER
THINK YOUR
'ARRANGEMENT'
MIGHT INFLUENCE
SOME PEOPLE
TO COMMIT
MURDER?

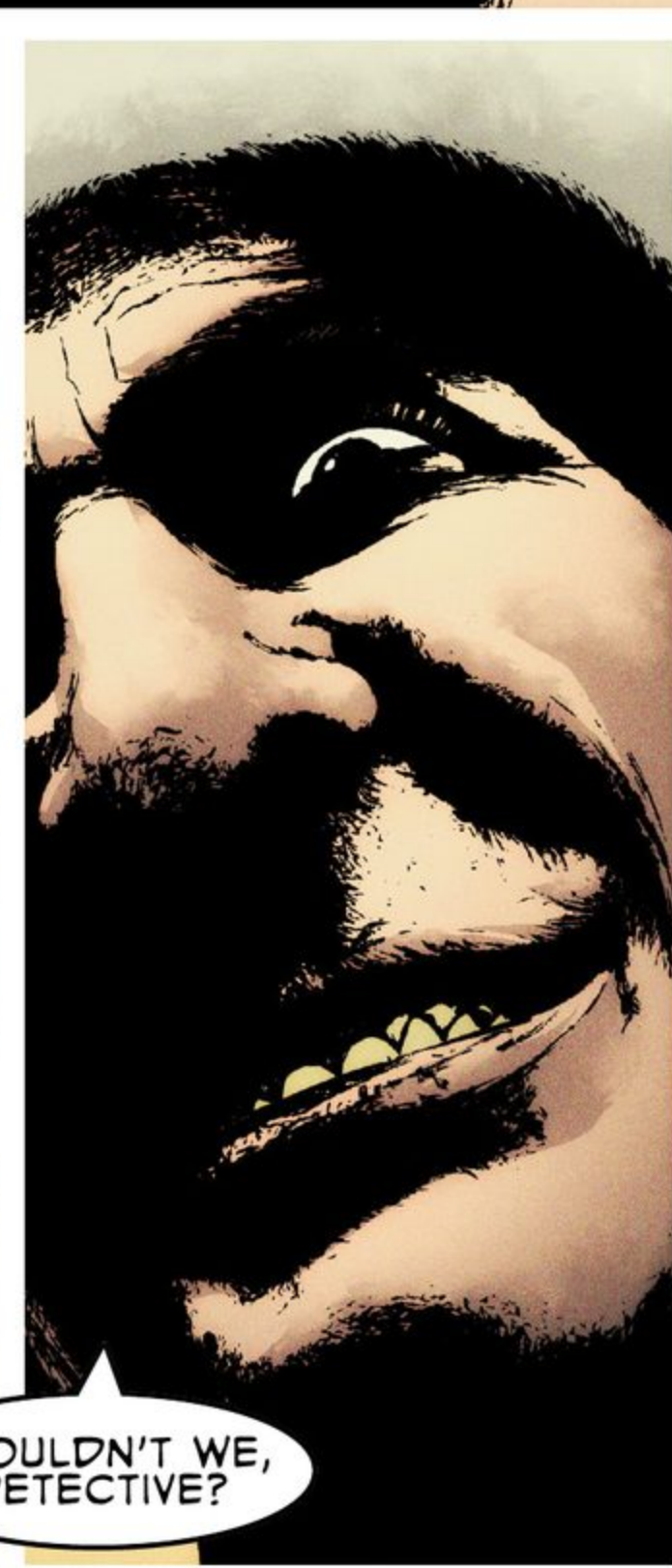
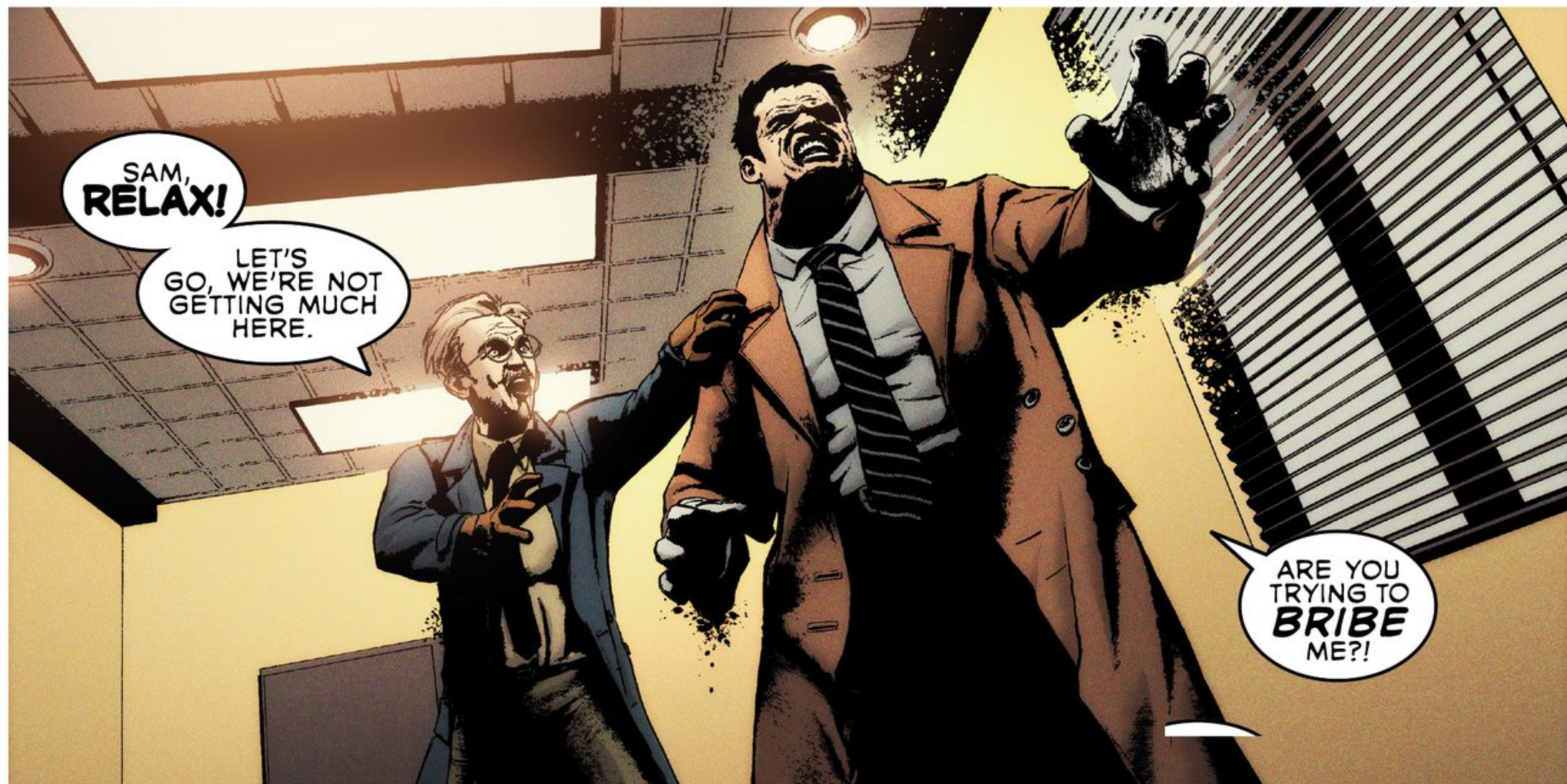
WE'RE
A BUSINESS,
DETECTIVE. THOUGH,
SANDRA, ARE YOU
SEEING WHAT
I'M--

ON IT,
SIR!

DETECTIVE
BURKE, YOU HAVE
QUITE THE PROMINENT
BROW. IF YOU'D LIKE
TO GET DETAILS ON HOW
TO DONATE TO OUR
RESEARCH, WE'D PAY
QUITE WELL.

POP







OH, GIVE ME A BREAK, TWITCH! WE CAN'T ALL BE BOY SCOUTS LIKE YOU.

I'D JUST KEEP THE "ASS AND FOOT" REFERENCES TO YOURSELF, NEXT TIME. BUT THAT'S JUST ME.

THEY WERE MOCKING US, YOU SAW THAT. PEOPLE ARE GETTING THEIR FREAKIN' HEADS SLASHED OPEN AND THEY WANT TO TAKE PICTURES AND TALK SCIENCE STUDIES. WHAT KIND OF MEDICAL SICKOS ARE THEY?

THE WOMAN, SANDRA SAID SOMETHING ABOUT "BELIEF" AS WE WERE LEAVING.



BRRP
BRRP

HELLO?

DETECTIVE TWITCH?

SPEAKING.



AVENUE A. THE ABANDONED CHARAS BUILDING.

BE THERE IN FIFTEEN MINUTES.



WHY'S THAT?



HE'S WAITING.



WHO WAS THAT?

WE NEED TO GO.





THE PUNK
MATCHES THE
DESCRIPTION.

THIS ISN'T A
CORPORATION'S HIT
JOB. THEY'D DUMP
THE BODY, MAKE
IT CLEAN.

SOMEBODY
WANTED TO MAKE
A MESS? TRYING TO
SEND SOME KIND OF
MESSAGE, YOU
THINK?



WHOEVER
IT WAS, LOOKS
LIKE THEY WANTED
THE INFO ON THAT
CARD, TOO.

24 HOURS EARLIER.
THAT SAME PUNK WAS
ON THE LOOKOUT
FOR A HIDING SPOT.

CAN'T DROP A BRAIN
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE
STREET AND JUST GO
ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS.

THIS
AIN'T A BAD
SHITHOLE.

PLUS, HE NEEDED TO
CALL HIS EMPLOYER.
HE WASN'T LOOKING
FORWARD TO THAT.



SOMEONE
THERE?

JUST HIS
NERVES
HE TELLS
HIMSELF.



GIVE ME
THE BIG MAN--OR
THE TWINS. 'CAUSE THINGS
GOT A BIT MESSED
TONIGHT.

THEY DON'T
TAKE CALLS. AND
THEY DON'T RESPOND
TO UNPROFESSIONAL
SLOPPINESS.



YAH, WELL,
HOW PROFESSIONAL
IS IT GONNA LOOK WHEN
EVERYONE IN THIS CITY KNOWS
WHAT THEY'RE DOING? SO,
YOU LIKE, MIGHT WANT TO
HELP ME OUT, BEFORE
IT COMES TO THAT.



WE ARE
NOT IN THE
'HELP' BUSINESS.
YOU MADE THIS
BED, YOU CAN
SLEEP IN IT. BUT
I WILL CONVEY
YOUR **THREAT**
TO THEM.



SONOFABITCH!

YOU KNOW
THAT'S NOT WHAT
I MEANT.





AND TELL
THEM I'VE GOT A
GODDAMN COOLER
WITH THEIR BRAIN
IN IT!

I THOUGHT
THEY **NEEDED**
THAT?!

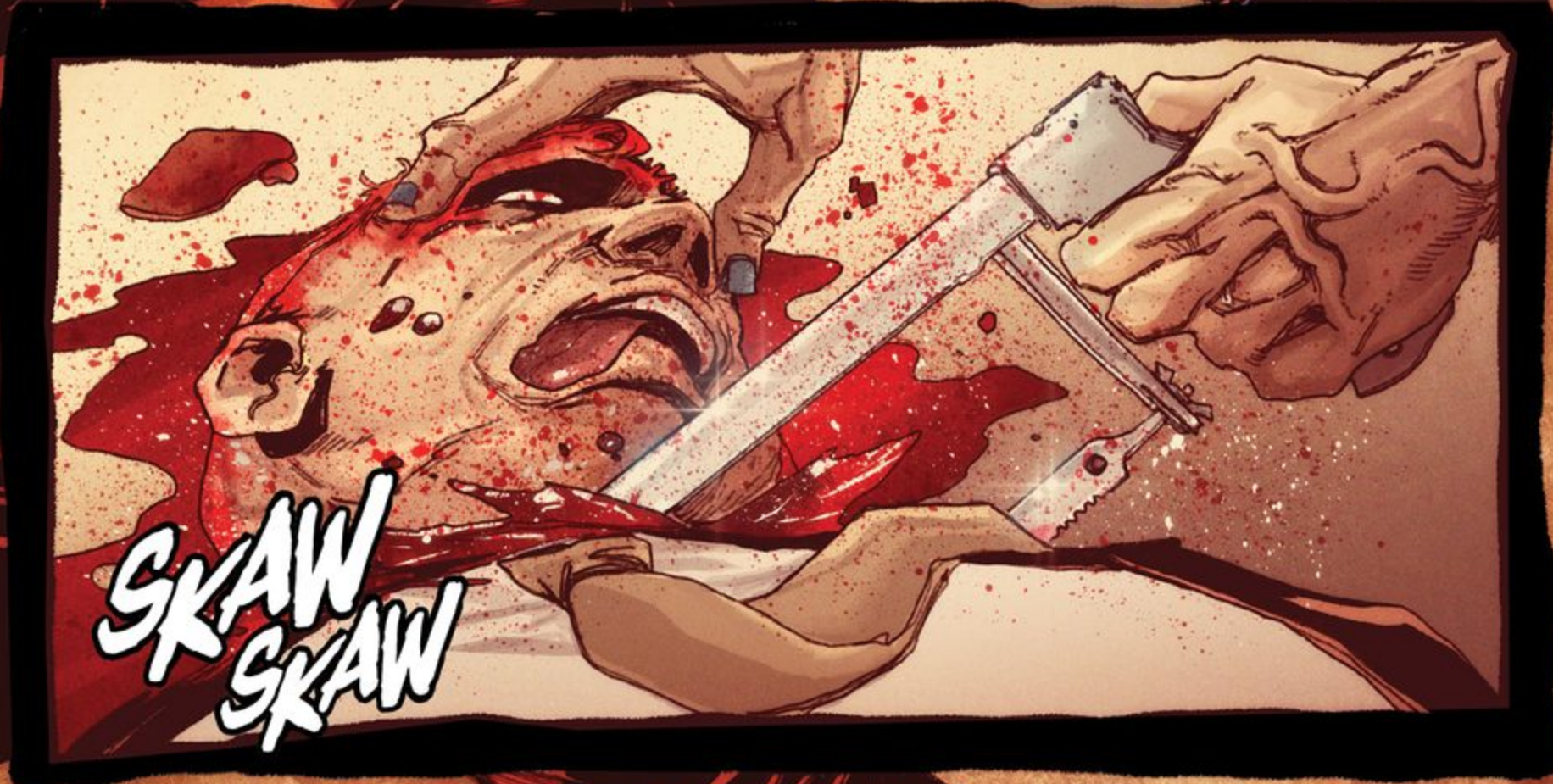
EARLIER.

THE ITEM SITTING IN
HIS COOLER WAS
EXTRACTED FROM A
COLLEGE PROFESSOR.

A WELL-TIMED
LUNCH BREAK
AND A HACK-
SAW WAS ALL
IT TOOK.



BETTER
YOU THAN ME,
YOU SORRY
F*CK.



SKAW
SKAW

BACK IN THE
HERE AND NOW,
THOUGH, SOME-
THING STRANGE
IS HAPPENING.



WHERE'S THE
COOLER?

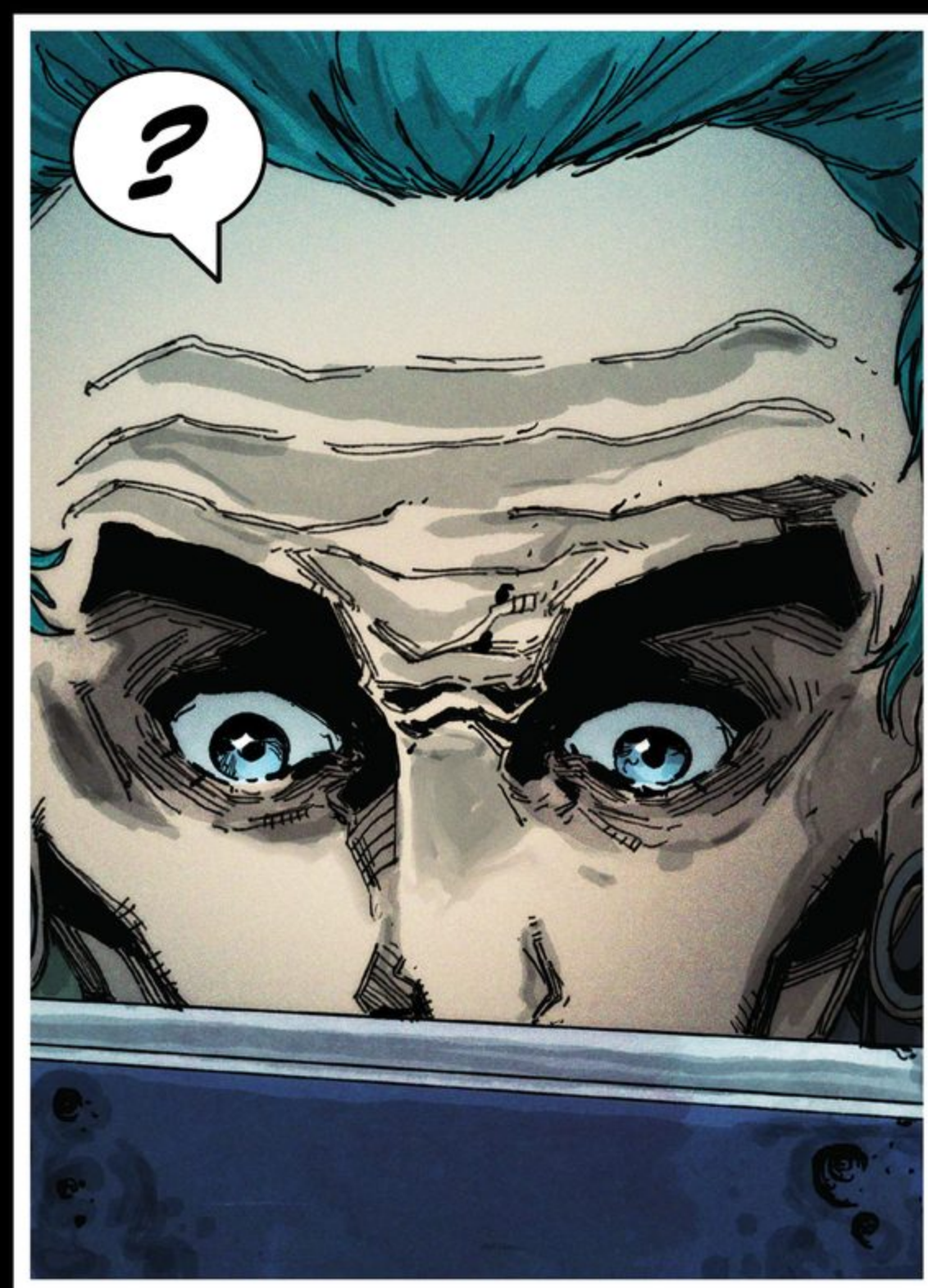
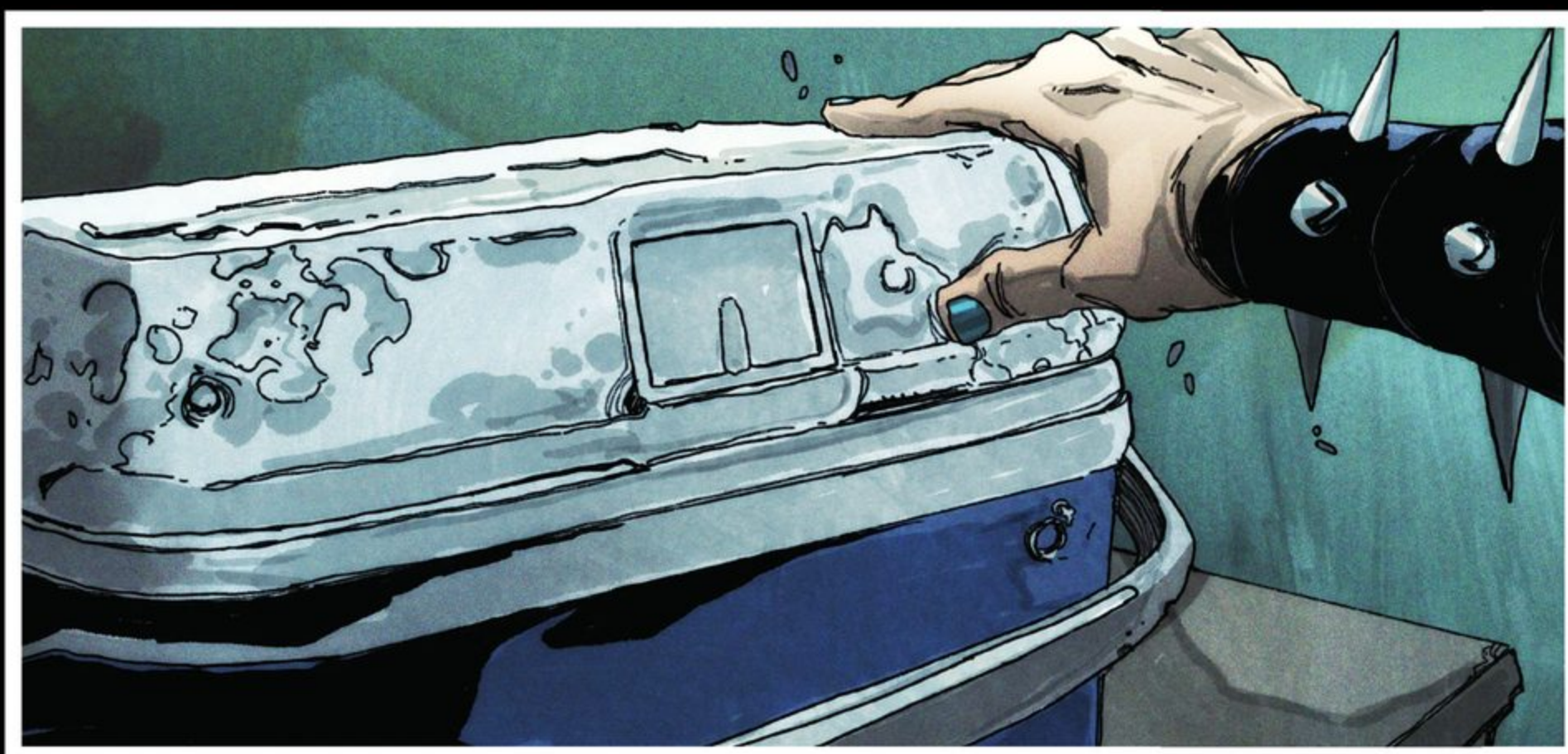
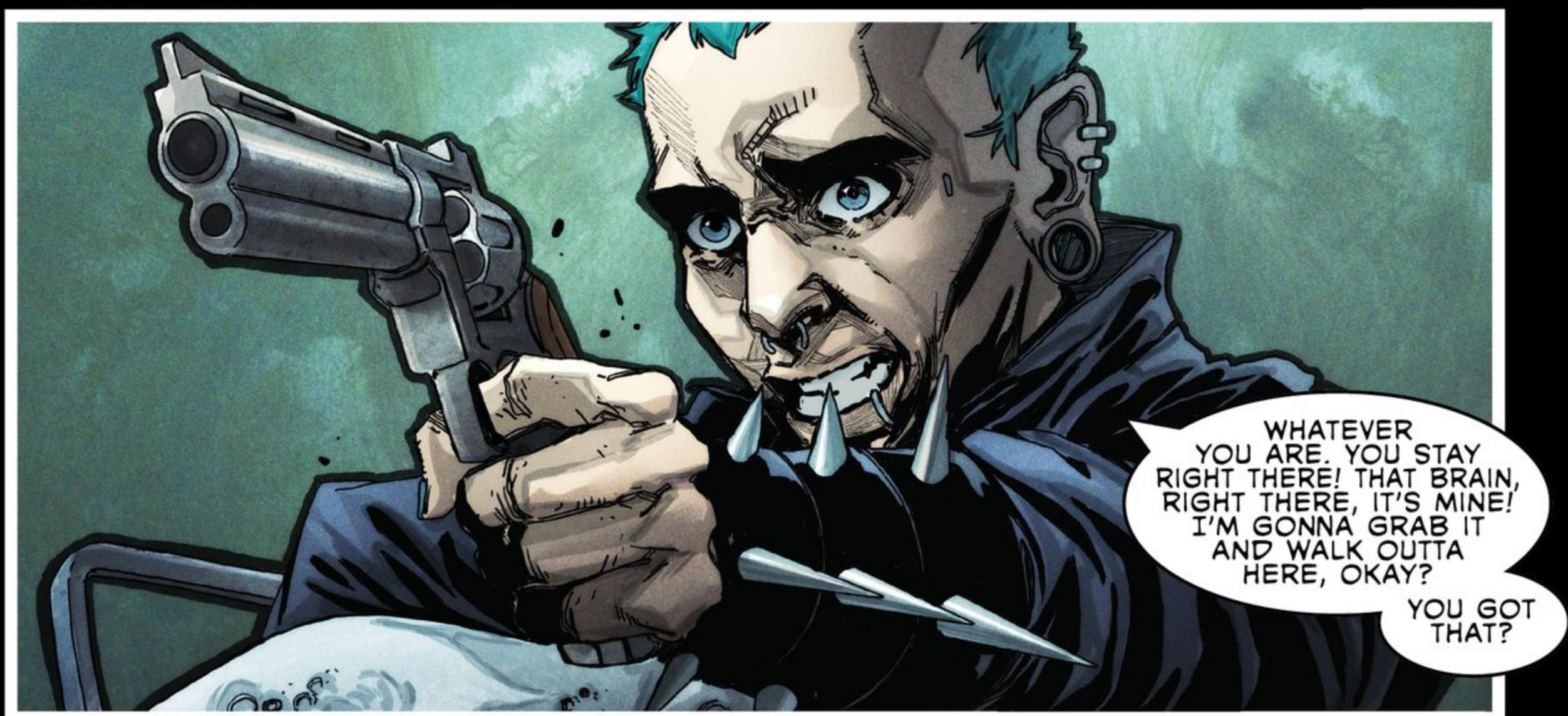
IN A DISTANT
ROOM, HE SEES
WHAT HE'S
LOOKING FOR.



HE ALSO SEES
SOMETHING ELSE



WHO'S
DOING
THIS?





I SAID...
**WHO'S
DOING
THIS?!?!**

LIKE VENGEANCE HE COMES,
CHAINS FLAYING AND SNAPPING
AT ITS MASTER'S COMMAND,
WHILE THE PUNK'S SKIN IS CUT
BY THE RAZOR-SHARP EDGES
OF HIS CRIMSON CLOAK.

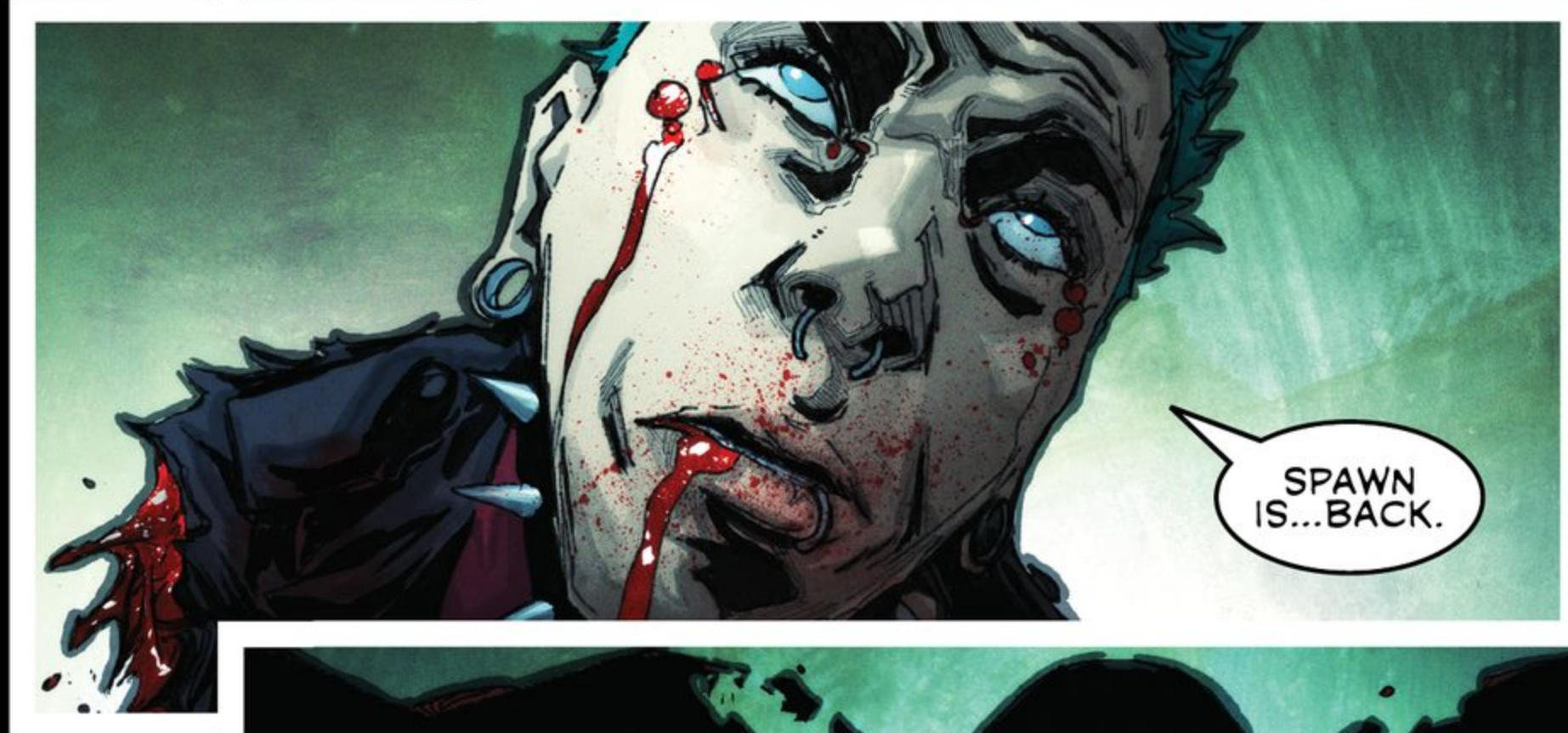


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ANSWERS?

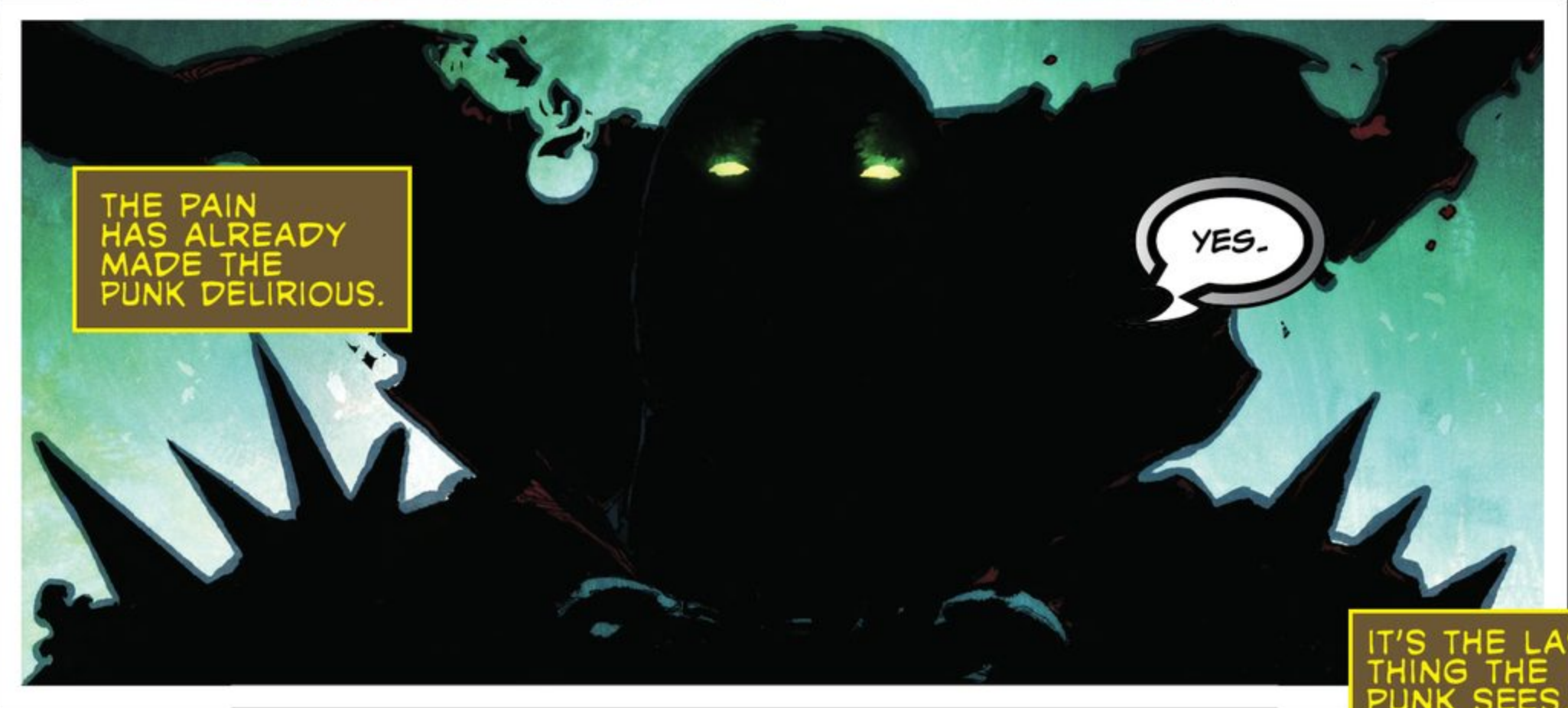
THEN
I'LL DELIVER MY
MESSAGE INSTEAD.
TELL'EM--**SPAWN
IS BACK!**



**SAY
IT!**



SPAWN
IS...BACK.



YES..

THE PAIN
HAS ALREADY
MADE THE
PUNK DELIRIOUS.

IT'S THE LAST
THING THE
PUNK SEES.

HOURS
LATER.

I STILL
DON'T LIKE THE
STINK OF ALL THIS.
SOMETHING AIN'T
ADDING UP.

EXODUS ISN'T
BREAKING ANY LAWS,
WE CAN'T STOP ANYONE
WHO WANTS TO SELL THEIR
ORGANS OR BODY PARTS.
HELL, I PLAN ON DOING
IT MYSELF.

YOU'RE
SELLING
YOUR
BRAIN?!

NO! BUT
I DON'T MIND
MY ORGANS
HELPING SOME-
ONE IN NEED
ONCE I'M
GONE.

LET'S
DROP
IT.

I'M JUST
SAYING, I'D
LIKE TO HELP
IF I CAN.

CUT
YOUR BODY UP
HOWEVER YOU
WANT.

I DON'T
CARE. BUT I'M
NOT GOING TO IGNORE
THAT DAMN FOUNDATION
OR THE **JACKASS**
RUNNING IT.

UNDERSTOOD.

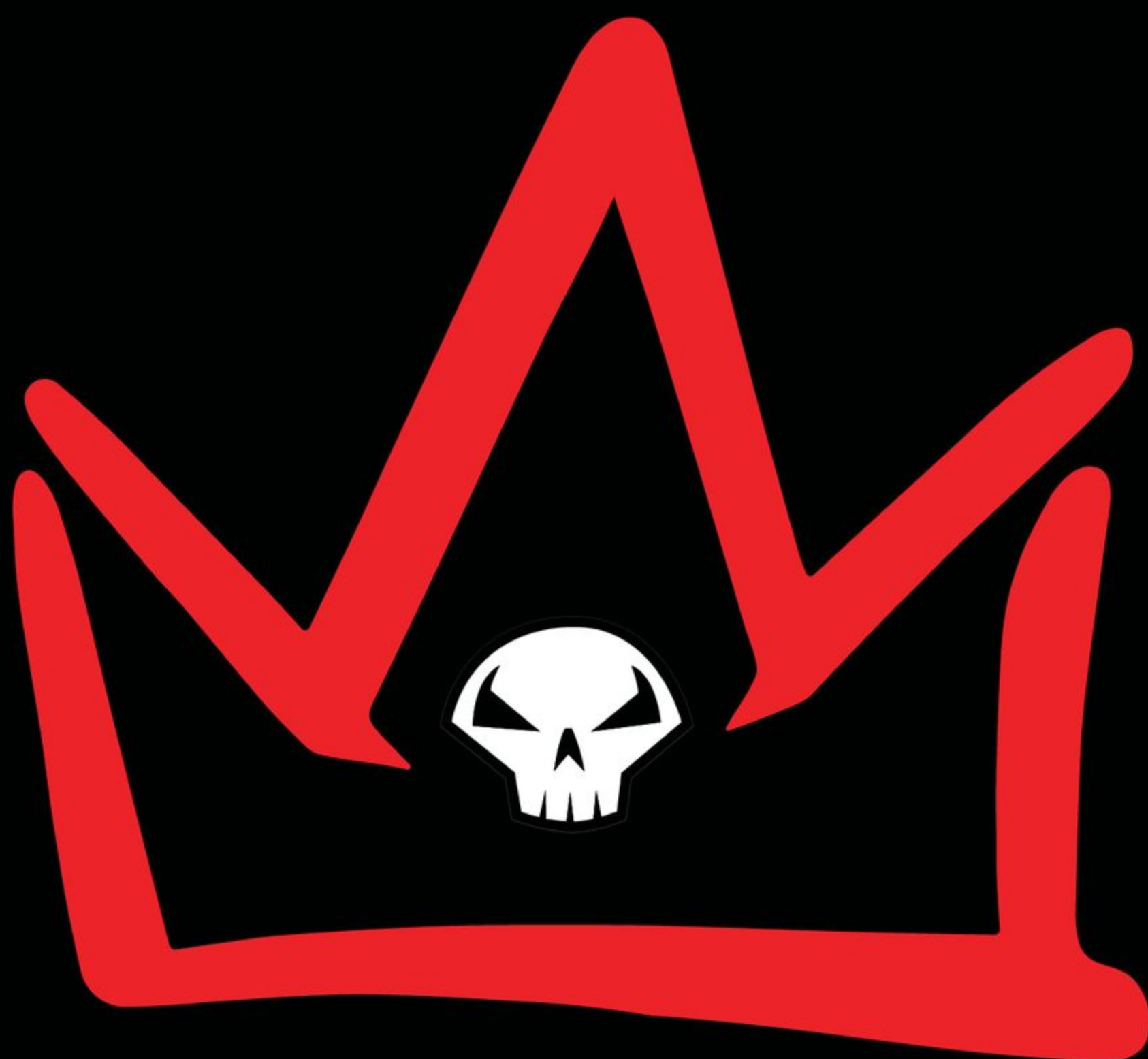
THEN
LET'S DO
THE WORK. BE
PATIENT. AND
IF THEY SLIP
UP WE'LL
JUMP.

I JUST HATE
WAITING. WISH WE
HAD AN ACE IN
THE HOLE.



EVENING,
BOYS.

BE CAREFUL
WHAT YOU
ASK FOR.



SPAWNING GROUND

PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

Hi to everybody at Spawnground. I am just writing to thank Todd and everyone at Image for the past 30 years of Spawn. Having dyslexia, reading and writing has always been difficult for me, but comics especially Spawn, has been my way to improve both. I have been reading Spawn since it was released by Titan Books and have loved it. Now in my 40s I am still reading it and I look forward to read it for the next 30 years & beyond. Thanks again.

-MARK (spawn_se7en)

Mark, that is great to hear. I know that Todd has said many times that he is still planning on being around when Spawn gets another 300 issues under its belt. Thank you for your 30 years of readership from all of us at Spawn HQ!

-THOMAS

Hi there. My name is Dave P. Hobby photographer. (@sharkmandave on Instagram) I've been a fan of Spawn and McFarlane toys since I was a youngster. I'm sure you get it all the time, but I wanted to reach out on the off chance someone might be interested in any of my photos. I'd love to hear back if possible. Thanks for your time and consideration.

-DAVE

Dave, these are incredible! Absolutely some of the best Toy Photography I have seen in a while. You really have an eye for this. Thank you for sharing your art with us!

-THOMAS

Hey Spawn guys! A while back, I heard Todd say in an interview that we would be seeing Sam and Twitch soon. But they still haven't shown up, and I haven't seen any announcements about a new series or anything. Is that still happening because I love those 2?

-JACK P

Well, Jack, if you just finished this issue, then you know your two favorite NYPD Detectives are back. We are going to see much more of Sam and Twitch this year, both assisting Spawn as well as their own cases. Stay tuned!

-THOMAS



Photo by Dave Poulin



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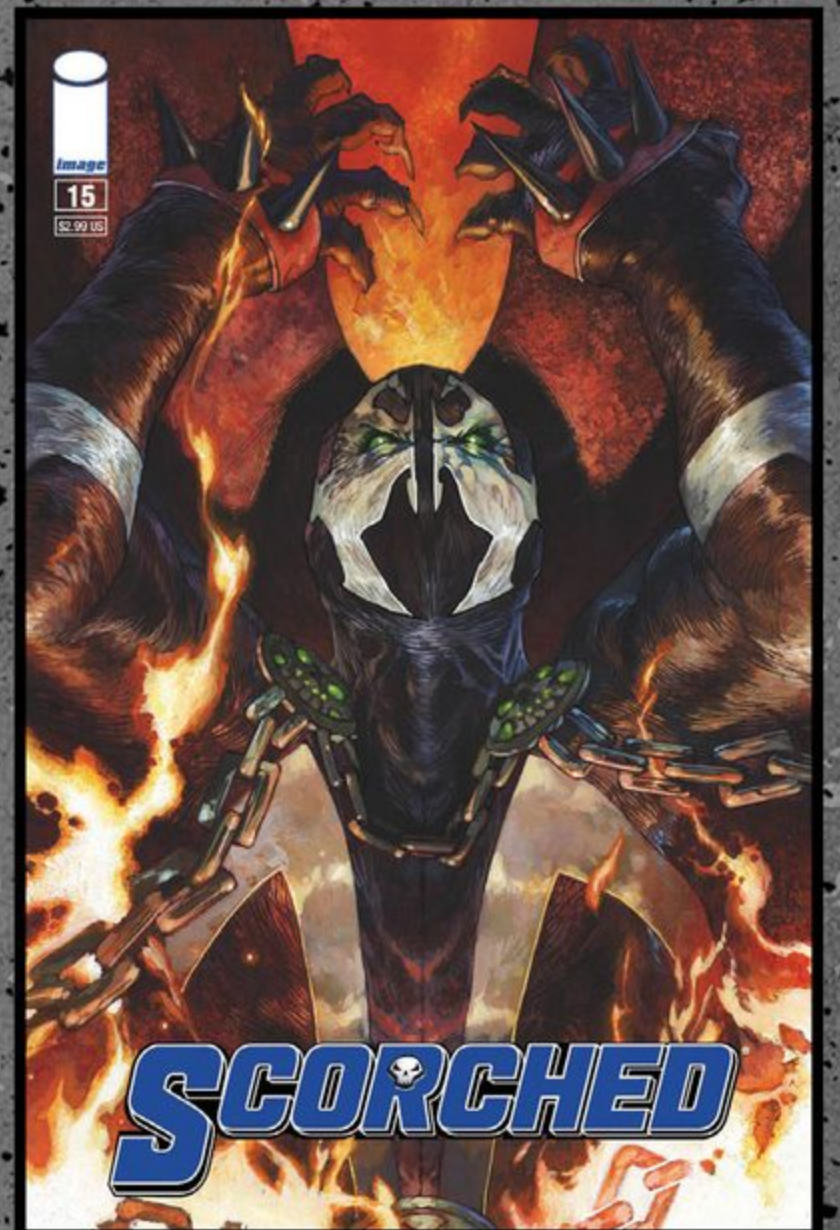
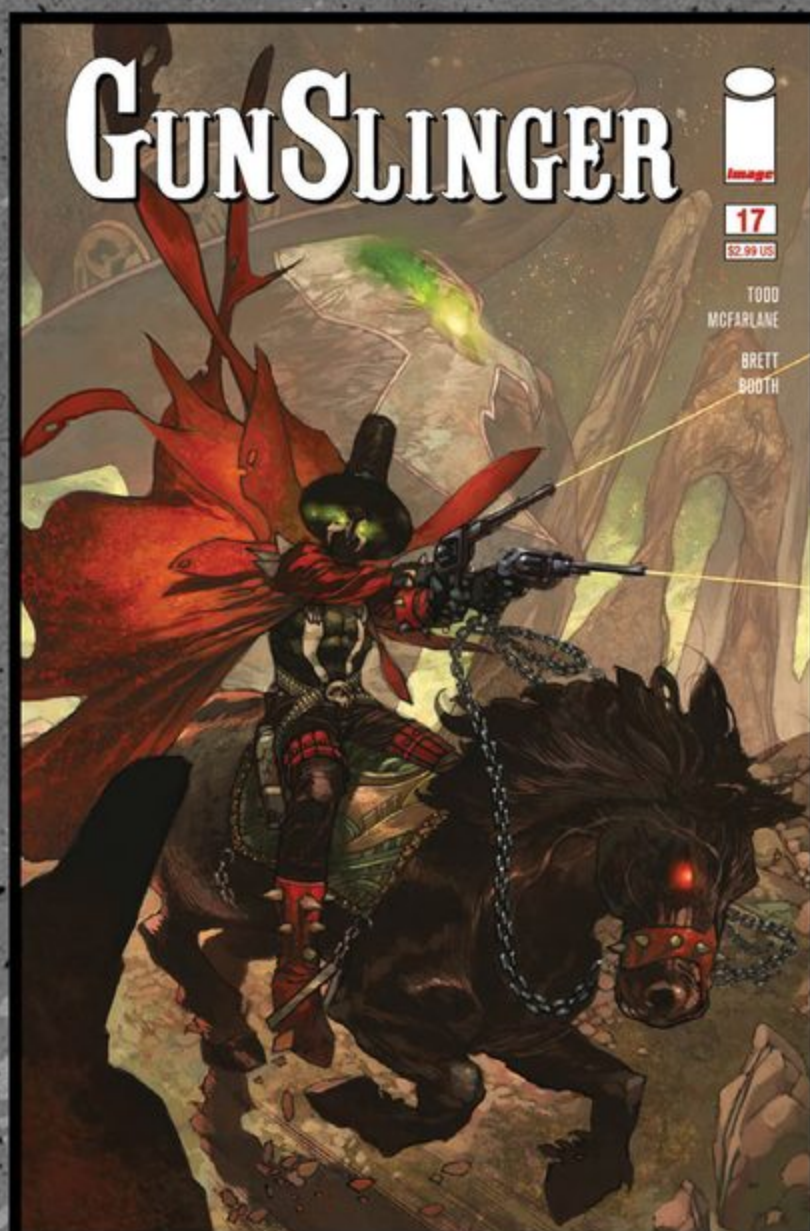
DON'T MISS THESE ONGOING TITLES:

SPAWN

**KING
SPAWN**

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GUNSLINGER
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